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This issue contains guidance documents relevant to current public health events and information from **November 3 – November 10**.

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COCA News and Announcements

Upcoming COCA Calls/Webinars:

Taking Action Against Cervical Cancer Through Early Detection and Vaccination

CE = Free Continuing Education

Date: Thursday, November 20, 2014

Time: 2 – 3 p.m. (EDT)

Dial In Number: 800-779-5194 (U.S. Callers)

Passcode: 1197478

Webinar: www.mymeetings.com/nc/join.php?i=PW9294909&p=1197478&t=c

Cervical cancer is vastly preventable, but there are still women who develop and die from cervical cancer every year. Human papillomavirus (HPV) types associated with cervical cancer can be prevented through screening tests and HPV vaccination. These measures are effective to prevent HPV infection and highlight the importance of clinicians taking action to establish evidence-based practices in screening and vaccination. During this COCA Webinar, clinicians will learn about CDC's HPV vaccination recommendations and the USPSTF cervical cancer screening recommendations.

emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2014/callinfo_112014.asp

Recent COCA Calls:

Approaches to Clinical Management for Patients with Ebola Treated in U.S. Hospitals

Date: Monday, October 20, 2014

emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2014/callinfo_102014.asp

Preparing for Ebola: What U.S. Hospitals Can Learn From Emory Healthcare and Nebraska Medical Center

Date: Tuesday, October 14, 2014

emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2014/callinfo_101414.asp

Archived COCA conference calls are available at emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/index.asp.

Free continuing education credits (CME, CNE, ACPE, CEU, CECH, and AAVSB/RACE) are available for most calls. For more information about free CE, visit emergency.cdc.gov/coca/continuingeducation.asp

CDC Emergency Response – CDC Response to 2014 Ebola in the United States and West Africa

NEW: Resources for Parents, Schools, and Pediatric Healthcare Professionals

www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/children/index.html

NEW: Interim Guidance for the U.S. Residence Decontamination for Ebola Virus Disease (Ebola) and Removal of Contaminated Waste

www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/residential-decontamination.html

NEW: Questions and Answers: Infection Control in General Healthcare Settings in Countries with Widespread Ebola Transmission (Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone)

www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/qa-infection-control-general-healthcare-widespread-ebola-transmission.html

Questions and Answers about CDC's Ebola Monitoring & Movement Guidance

www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/exposure/gas-monitoring-and-movement-guidance.html

Epidemiologic Risk Factors to Consider when Evaluating a Person for Exposure to Ebola Virus

www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/exposure/risk-factors-when-evaluating-person-for-exposure.html

Infographic: How Ebola is Spread

www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/pdf/infections-spread-by-air-or-droplets.pdf

Infographic: Is it Flu or Ebola?

www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/pdf/is-it-flu-or-ebola.pdf

List of all Ebola Q&As

www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/qa.html

CDC News and Announcements

CDC Science Clips: Volume 6, Issue: 45 – (CDC)

Each week select science clips are shared with the public health community to enhance awareness of emerging scientific knowledge. The focus is applied public health research and prevention science that has the capacity to improve health now.

www.cdc.gov/library/sciclips/issues/

Public Health Preparedness

Emergency Preparedness and Response – (CDC)

Find preparedness resources for all hazards.

emergency.cdc.gov/hazards-all.asp

Emergency Preparedness and Response Training Resources for Clinicians – (CDC)

Find online and in-person training resources at

emergency.cdc.gov/coca/trainingresources.asp

Natural Disasters and Severe Weather

Food and Water Needs: Preparing for a Disaster or Emergency – (CDC)

emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/foodwater/prepare.asp

Health and Safety Concerns for All Disasters – (CDC)

emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/alldisasters.asp

Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR)

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- [Declines in Pneumonia Hospitalizations of Children Aged <2 Years Associated with the Use of Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccines — Tennessee, 1998–2012](#)
- [Establishment of a Community Care Center for Isolation and Management of Ebola Patients — Bomi County, Liberia, October 2014](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Severe Environmental Contamination and Elevated Blood Lead Levels Among Children — Zambia, 2014](#)
- [Announcement: World Pneumonia Day — November 12, 2014](#)

Infectious, Vector-Borne, and Zoonotic Diseases

Seasonal Influenza

What You Should Know for the 2014-2015 Influenza Season

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/season/flu-season-2014-2015.htm>

Information for Health Professionals

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/index.htm>

Weekly Flu View – November 7 (CDC)

Flu View is a weekly influenza surveillance report prepared by CDC's Influenza Division. All data are preliminary and may change as CDC receives more reports.

www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/

Planning and Preparedness: Health Professionals and Seasonal Flu – (HHS)

Healthcare providers play an important role during flu season. The following guidance and information will assist healthcare providers and service organizations to plan and respond to seasonal flu.

www.flu.gov/planning-preparedness/hospital/index.html

Travel Safety

Current Travel Warnings – November 7 (U.S. Department of State)

The U.S. Department of State issues Travel Warnings when long-term, protracted conditions make a country dangerous or unstable. Travel Warnings recommend that Americans avoid or carefully consider the risk of travel to that country. The State Department also issues Travel Warnings when the U.S. government's ability to assist American citizens is constrained due to the closure of an embassy or consulate or because of a drawdown of State Department staff.

travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/alertswarnings.html

Food, Drug, and Device Safety

MedWatch: The FDA Safety Information and Adverse Event Reporting Program – (FDA)

MedWatch is your Food and Drug Administration (FDA) gateway for clinically important safety information and reporting serious problems with human medical products.

www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/default.htm

FoodSafety.gov: Reports of FDA and USDA Food Recalls, Alerts, Reporting, and Resources – (HHS/USDA/FDA/CDC/NIH)

Foodsafety.gov lists notices of recalls and alerts from both FDA and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Visitors to the site can report a problem or make inquiries.

www.foodsafety.gov/recalls/recent/index.html

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[Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity](#) – resources for health care providers

[COCA RSS Feed](#) – subscribe to be notified of conference calls, updates, and CDC guidance for health providers

[Crisis & Emergency Risk Communication Training](#) – training program that draws from lessons learned during public health emergencies, and incorporates best practices from the fields of risk and crisis communication

[Health Alert Network](#) – CDC's primary method of sharing cleared information about urgent public health incidents with public information officers; federal, state, territorial, and local public health practitioners; clinicians; and public health laboratories



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